SAM 301
ADVANCED SOFTWARE ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT

Advanced Software Acquisition Management is the capstone course in the DAU Software Acquisition Management sequence. This seminar-based course is for senior personnel who acquire, engineer, test, and evaluate DoD software-intensive systems. SAM 301 is also for acquisition professionals interested in gaining a comprehensive insight into the risks and issues associated with developing and implementing complex DoD software systems.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- analyze the causes of cost, schedule, and performance problems in large software efforts;
- examine differences between commercial software acquisition efforts and DoD efforts;
- develop an ability to recognize and selectively adopt commercial practices;
- understand the organizational and cultural dynamics of program offices and software development teams;
- evaluate the suitability of alternative organization structures, including integrated product teams;
- evaluate and select software metrics that will provide insight into program status and facilitate early detection of potential problems; and
- assess Federal and DoD Acquisition Reform movements and incorporate new policies.

Who Should Attend: This assignment-specific course is required for software acquisition personnel who serve in the software acquisition field as Level III managers or technical experts. Civilians, GS/GM 13 to 15, and military officers, O-4 to O-6, are appropriate.

Prerequisite: SAM 201

Length: 10 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/On-site

PDS Code: BU9

STM 301
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR S&T MANAGERS

This course provides an understanding of the procedures and mechanisms used to transition advanced technologies into war-fighting systems. Personnel associated with Science and Technology (S&T) program management will be able to understand the challenges presented in the weapons systems acquisition process, assess the implications of various technology transition mechanisms, and apply effective technology transition practices.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- understand the challenge presented in the weapon systems acquisition process,
- assess the implications of various technology transition mechanisms, and
- apply effective technology transition practices.

Who Should Attend: Personnel whose duties include developing overall program goals for S&T funds; acquiring the services of scientists, engineers, and technical support personnel to perform science and technology research for DoD; providing funds and oversight of the S&T performers, including universities, industry, and Federal Government organizations; and interfacing with the technology customers to expedite the transition of technology to the user.

Prerequisites: None

Recommended: ACQ 101 is highly recommended

Length: 3 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident

PDS Code: PGP